

HOUSE No. 3587

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Stephen R. Canessa

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the passage of the accompanying bill:

An Act establishing a regionalization advisory commission.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Stephen R. Canessa	12th Bristol
John F. Quinn	9th Bristol
Thomas J. Calter	12th Plymouth
Robert M. Koczera	11th Bristol
Scott P. Brown	Norfolk, Bristol and Middlesex
Antonio F.D. Cabral	13th Bristol
Stephen L. DiNatale	3rd Worcester
Walter F. Timilty	7th Norfolk
Bruce E. Tarr	First Essex and Middlesex
Jennifer M. Callahan	18th Worcester
Mary E. Grant	6th Essex
Paul McMurtry	11th Norfolk
Karen E. Spilka	Second Middlesex and Norfolk
Susan C. Fargo	Third Middlesex
Cory Atkins	14th Middlesex

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In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A REGIONALIZATION ADVISORY COMMISSION.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 SECTION 1. There is hereby established a commission to be known as the Massachusetts
2 Regionalization Advisory Commission to consist of 15 members one of whom shall be the secretary of
3 health and human services or his designee, the secretary of energy and environmental affairs or his
4 designee, the secretary of public safety or his designee, the secretary of transportation or his designee, the
5 secretary of labor and workforce development or his designee, the secretary of elder affairs or his
6 designee, the secretary of veteran's services or his designee, the secretary of education or his designee,
7 the secretary of administration and finance or his designee, the secretary of housing and economic
8 development or his designee, the president of the senate or his designee, the speaker of the house of
9 representatives or his designee and 3 person to be appointed by the governor who shall be persons with
10 practical experience with either municipal government and services, municipal agreements, shared
11 services and/or regionalism. Each member of the commission shall serve without pay.

12 The commission shall review all aspects of regionalization including possible opportunities, benefits, and
13 challenges within the commonwealth. The commission would review all services that would affect the
14 community and region, including but not limited to: education, public safety, public health, public works,
15 housing, veteran's services, elder services, municipal finance and structure, and transportation.

16 The commission shall report their findings and make recommendations for regionalizing services
17 simultaneously to both the governor and general court within 6 months of the creation of this commission.